

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by adding the following paragraph on page 28, after line 23 and before the last paragraph beginning "Fig. 9", as follows:

Referring to Fig. 11, the absolute value of the tracking signal takes on a minimum value of zero when $"B+C" = "A+D"$ due to the fact that the pit forming efficiencies, as measured by light reflectance, of the inner (" $A+D$ " reflected light reception signal) and outer (" $B+C$ " reflected light reception signal) circumference sides of the track relative to the offset light beam are balanced.